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Madipalooza bigger, better in second year

By **LAURA WEEKS**
The Breeze

What began as an attempt to avoid another Springfest riot is slowly turning into one of JMU's biggest second-semester traditions.

Madipalooza, scheduled for April 14, is a volunteer-based project headed by Carrie Grogan, coordinator for UPB, and Steve Bobbitt, an associate director at UREC.

Student volunteers have skyrocketed compared to last year, with about 75 students involved in everything from initial planning to setting up. Every planning sub-committee is co-chaired by a student.

"We want to make this all a student-learning opportunity," Grogan said.

The music budget has seen a dramatic increase — the almost \$35,000 budget is up from last year's \$20,000-\$25,000.

New to the event will be food runners passing out food throughout the field, which will help alleviate lines. There will be a rock climbing wall, a photo booth, a zip-line, hot dog and wing eating contests, airbrush tattoos from Extreme 15 and feather hair extensions provided by Foilz Hair Studio — all for free.

Seven bands are scheduled to perform throughout the day, with Parachute as the headliner at 2 p.m.

The midday timeslot for Parachute was a recommendation from Harrisonburg police last year.

"We were very purposeful in planning it when we thought Springfest might take place," Grogan said. "The police recommended getting as many people to our event as possible in the afternoon because that's when trouble starts brewing. We're trying to get people to come to Madipalooza early, see how great it is, and wind up staying all day."

But students don't see the all-day event as a deterrent for drinking.

"I don't think that their idea of having these events as a stop-gap for stopping students drinking is effective," said Elizabeth Nowak, a junior history major.

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SEEING STARS



PHOTOS BY COREY CROWE / THE BREEZE

TOP Junior Kyle Eskridge looks through a Coronado telescope, which allows the human eye to gaze directly at the sun. **RIGHT** Senior Nathan DiDomenico encourages questions at Saturday's Astronomy at the Market, where physics students shared their lab groups' research with the community.



Physics students in international collaboration research for astronomy's future

By **ALICIA HESSE**
The Breeze

Three student physicists have the ultimate drawback in their field: They can't touch the subject matter they're working with.

"The universe is our laboratory," said Anthony Saikin, a senior physics and astronomy major. "All we can do is look at it. But it makes it that much more rewarding when we actually learn about the heavens."

Saikin's lab group is looking at binary star systems in the infrared spectrum. There are three current group members, with their adviser Harold Butner researching the topic.

The group is a part of a major collaboration called the "Debris Project" with astronomers from California and all the way out to Switzerland. The researchers of the Debris Project are studying debris disks around stars.

"It helps in the long run for other astronomers to be able to predict where other planets may be," Saikin said, "and of course

the following is knowing if there's life on other planets."

Saikin traveled to Lick Observatory in California twice to take images of binary star systems in the infrared, using the observatory's telescope.

He brought the data back to JMU, using the Image Reduction and Analysis Facility to process and clean up the pictures. Once the research is complete, Saikin's group will publish it and share it with the Debris Project to be used by other astronomers in the future.

Groups of three to four students can start a physics research project, and it's not exclusive to physics majors.

"They're looking at about a year of work," said Anca Constantin, a JMU physics professor who also helps to guide the group's research.

Constantin guides students in choosing a topic by making them aware of the questions that scientists in the field are asking and being there to support student's efforts in pursuing a topic.

"In general, we're researching the properties of galaxies that host masers," said Nathan DiDomenico, a senior physics and astronomy major. DiDomenico is the veteran of the group, at work on this project for two years.

Finding the masers — devices that produce electromagnetic waves — is very difficult, but DiDomenico said they're motivated by the challenge.

DiDomenico said they spend about two hours a week researching the topic during the year for one credit each semester. During the summer, when they receive funding, they do about 40 hours of research a week for up to 14 weeks.

But it isn't all work in the lab.

Physics majors wore cardboard cutouts draped over their torso with phrases such as "Ask me about the sun" or "Ask me about black holes" to rope in more people and encourage questions during Saturday's Astronomy at the Market.

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SPCA: Too many animals, not enough space

By **IJ CHAN**
The Breeze

In 2011, the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals euthanized nearly 29 percent of the dogs and 74 percent of the cats it received.

The Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA receives 3,000 to 3,500 animals annually, according to Anne Anderson, RHSPCA director. These animals mostly include cats.

RHSPCA has been in operation since August 1972 and has been pursuing its mission of promoting "respect, compassion and advocacy resulting in a human and sustainable environment to all animals," according to its website.

Denoted as an "open-admission" shelter by Anderson, the RHSPCA takes in every animal it receives, regardless of its health or demeanor.

In 2011, the shelter received 1,240 dogs, 2,048 cats and 76 other animals, including rabbits, gerbils and hamsters. RHSPCA put down 359 of the dogs and 1,515 of the cats they received.

Although these animals are taken from the streets, their future at RHSPCA may not be any happier. In March, RHSPCA had to euthanize 52 cats and 18 dogs.

Anderson said cats in particular face a high euthanasia rate because of the relatively unfriendly animal atmosphere of Rockingham County, producing a large number of stray and "feral" or wild, unadoptable cats, which may react negatively to human contact.

"Cats in our community ... I think groundhogs are better thought of," Anderson said. "You see them all the



MATT SCHMACHTENBERG / THE BREEZE

The Rockingham-Harrisonburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals put down 18 dogs and 52 cats last month. It received more than 3,000 animals in 2011.

time out in the dumpsters and out in the park, where they might get some food, but do they get vaccinations or veterinary care? Very rarely."

Last month, 17 of the 52 euthanized cats were classified as "feral."

Anderson also said even those who have pets may neglect them, failing to give them adequate attention and veterinary care.

"I think any animal that does not receive ongoing veterinary care is neglected," Anderson said. "I think we see a lot of neglect [in Harrisonburg] and a lot of uneducated owners."

Such owners, according to Anderson, may fail to get their pets spayed or neutered, leading to pet overpopulation in the area — one of the largest obstacles the shelter faces.

Owners also may not be properly training their animals either, a

problem especially seen with dogs.

"A lot of the dogs that we get in, for example, have lived their whole lives by the end of the chain," Anderson said. "They're not housebroken. They don't know how to walk well on a leash or how to live well with a person, and that's pretty sad because most of us here think of animals as truly companions."

Anderson explained that many of the cats that are brought in have behavioral and health issues, such as feline leukemia, untreatable upper respiratory problems and feline immunodeficiency virus, which may lead to euthanasia.

Anderson stresses that the RHSPCA works daily to get its animals adopted and that euthanizing them is its last

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Potential stabbing under investigation

Police are investigating a possible stabbing that happened early yesterday morning at the Water Street parking deck.

Around 2 a.m. a witness saw two men fighting on the lower level of the parking deck on 49 W. Water St.

The witness also reported that the male victim said he was stabbed. Both the victim and offender left the parking deck before police arrived at the scene.

Police haven't been able to determine if a stabbing actually occurred.

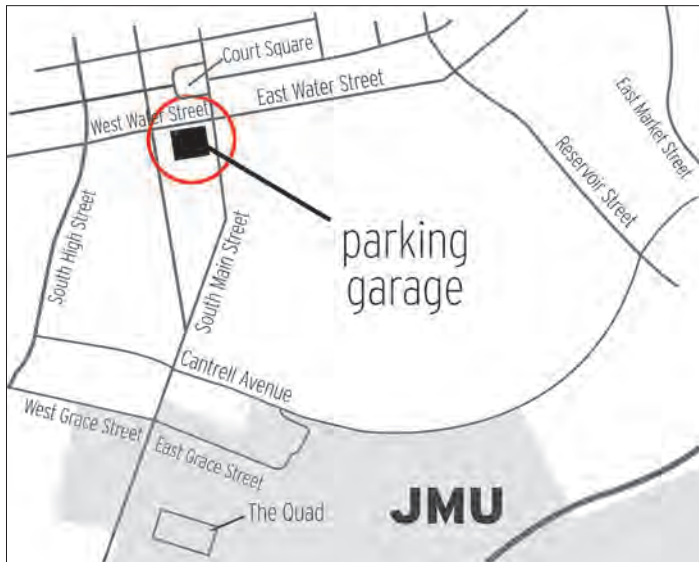
The witness described the victim

to police as a skinny white man in his mid- to late 20s. He had a tattoo on his right arm and dark brown hair and wore a green or blue T-shirt, jeans and tan boots.

The suspect was described as a white man in his 40s, wearing jeans and a dark-colored short-sleeved collared shirt. After the fight, he fled the parking deck on foot, according to police.

Police encourage anyone with information about the incident to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050.

— **staff report**



LAURA WILKINS / THE BREEZE

Two men were involved in a fight in the 49 W. Water St. parking deck around 2 a.m. yesterday. Both men fled the scene before police arrived.



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horoscopes



ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

When in doubt, get a second opinion.
There could be a change in plans, so take care.



TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Focus on making money for the next few days, as work comes pouring in. Handle old business to make way for new creative projects.



GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

You're entering a two-day creative cycle ... very romantic! Accept a bonus.



CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Constant interaction is beneficial today. The environment is right for making changes at home, and things could get busy.



LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

You really get into your studies now. Exploration and research become tantalizing. Love shines through.



VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You're entering a two-day potential spending spree, so take care. The money's available, and you may need it later for home repair.



LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Don't say it all yet. It isn't what you thought. You're confident now, with power increasing. Neatness counts.



SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Slow down and think it over. The next two days are good for treasure hunting. Complete old tasks, and conserve resources without sacrifice.



SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make sure you're schedule is up to date. You're in high demand among your friends; listen to their advice. You may have to adapt as you go.



CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The road ahead may be filled with obstacles. You can either find another route or plow ahead and enjoy the adventure.



AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

"Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." The words of Helen Keller resonate with Aquarius today.



PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Intense feelings are on the rise. Learn to take advantage of them

3 US soldiers among dead in northern Afghanistan

McClatchy Newspapers

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three American soldiers were among at least nine people who were killed Wednesday when a suicide bomber wearing civilian clothes blew himself up in the northwestern Afghan province of Faryab, local officials said.

After sentencing, bin Laden's family might leave Pakistan

McClatchy Newspapers

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's government might wash its hands of Osama bin Laden's family as early as April 17, after an Islamabad court's decision Monday to impose the lightest possible sentence on his three widows and two teenage daughters for violating minor immigration laws.

Each of the five women was sentenced to 45 days in prison for illegally entering

The blast, which wounded at least 26 others, occurred near a crowded market in Maimanah, the provincial capital, said Faryab's governor, Abdul Haq Shafaq. The U.S.-led military coalition said three of its soldiers had been killed it but didn't specify nationalities; Afghan officials identified them as Americans.

The attack in a usually calm province was the latest in a recent spike in Taliban assaults that appears to mark a reopening of hostilities with the arrival of spring, when warmer weather in Afghanistan tends to lead to greater violence.

A team of coalition soldiers and Afghan policemen was in Maimanah talking to locals when the bomber, traveling on foot, set off the explosion, Shafaq said. He said the soldiers were transported to a nearby coalition base for treatment.

There were conflicting descriptions of the other fatalities. The director of Faryab's Health Department, Abdul Ali Aleem, said six civilians had been killed and that they, along with 26 wounded, were taken to Maimanah hospital.

However, the provincial police chief, Abdul Khaliq Aaqsay, said two of his officers were among the dead.

and residing in Pakistan since 2002, the date that Amal Ahmed Abdel-Fatah al-Sada, the youngest of the widows, gave in a statement to federal investigators. The widows and several of their children and grandchildren were left behind after U.S. forces killed bin Laden in a raid last May.

The women's lawyer, Atif Ali Khan, said the Yemeni government had agreed to allow al-Sada, a Yemeni national, to return home. He expressed confidence that talks with authorities in Saudi Arabia over accepting bin Laden's Saudi wives, Khairiah Sabar and Siham Sabar, would conclude successfully "in a few days."

The court ordered the Interior Ministry to arrange for the repatriation of the five women

and nine of bin Laden's minor children by the end of the women's sentence on April 17.

Their sentence was backdated to March 3, the date of their arrest on charges of illegally entering and residing in Pakistan. The sentence is the minimum allowed under the applicable law, which provides for a maximum jail term of six months. Each also was fined 10,000 rupees, about \$110.

The verdict was delivered behind the fortified gates of the Islamabad house where the family members have been detained since last month. Before that they were in the custody of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate spy agency.

College president defends use of pepper spray

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Santa Monica College officials said Wednesday a police officer was forced to release pepper spray to maintain safety after a large crowd of students tried to force entry into a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The incident at Tuesday night's board meeting resulted in three people being transported to hospitals for treatment and released and 15 to 30 people treated at the scene by fire department paramedics. No arrests were made.

NASA budget might have less space for planetary science

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, tucked into the hills above Los Angeles, these are heady days: The robot dubbed Curiosity is

hurtling toward Mars and is expected to put scientists on their strongest footing yet to determine whether the Red Planet is or ever has been hospitable to life. More than 1,000 of JPL's scientists, engineers and technicians — a full fifth of the lab's workforce — have put in time on the mission.

President Barack Obama's \$17.7 billion budget request for NASA for the 2013 fiscal year includes a \$300 million cut to planetary science, the very work JPL specializes in.

That could mean a 20 percent reduction in NASA's

planetary science budget and, at JPL, job losses in the hundreds. What's more, say proponents of robotic space exploration, the cuts would imperil the search for extraterrestrial life at the very moment answers seem tantalizingly near.

"We're on the verge of finding evidence of life as we know it," said Jim Bell, a planetary scientist at Arizona State University who has worked with JPL on Mars missions. "To pull back from that would be a real shame. It is nothing less than a shocking set of cuts."

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Philosophy of freedom

Independent scholar discusses prevalence of discrimination in New Jersey

By ANNE ELSEA
The Breeze

Walter Greason, an independent history scholar, developed his own philosophy of equality among human race after learning about discrimination in an unlikely place: his home state of New Jersey.

"Although the good African-American players got to play in the major leagues, what happened to the black popcorn boy who lost his job? Nobody offered him a job in the majors."

Walter Greason
Independent history scholar

The College of Arts and Letters invited Greason to present his work, "Discourse and Narratives: race, reform and civil rights activism in New Jersey 1920-1950" to a group of about 10 students and faculty Tuesday evening.

Greason discussed the importance of black men in the global and

national society and the history of civil rights in New Jersey, Greason's home state.

During his speech, Greason, an African-American, gave many examples of how black men were still undervalued and discriminated against in the 1940s. He told a story of how the public lost interest when black baseball players were recruited to the major leagues from the Negro National League, which was eventually shut down.

"Although the good African-American players got to play in the major leagues, what happened to the black popcorn boy who lost his job?" Greason said. "Nobody offered him a job in the majors."

Greason has passion for history and for studying the subject from many angles. He explained that historiography was the study of how historians record history.

He also emphasized peace and human equality. He quoted W.E.B. Dubois, a sociologist and civil rights activist, and his search for peace among the races.

"We need to come to the point where we stop thinking of war as a way to solve problems," Greason said. "Peace is the solution."

Nikitah Imani, a JMU sociology professor, identified with Greason and Dubois' philosophy. Imani teaches African-American studies courses, and he incorporates



KATIE GONG / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Walter Greason spoke to a small group of students and faculty Tuesday evening about the importance of civil rights in New Jersey between 1920-1950.

Dubois' influence in his classes.

"Dubois may have been the most progressive, social thinker that we really have ever had in this country," Imani said.

Because he grew up in New Jersey, the history of that state has been the focus of his post-graduate studies. Black workers once referred to New Jersey as the "Georgia of the North"

for its segregation and racial tension. Greason has seen firsthand the effects racial tension has had on the state.

For example, The Mount Laurel Doctrine, which provided more affordable housing for minorities, was passed by the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1975.

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Alum discusses pros, cons to COB



MEGAN TRINDELL / THE BREEZE

Kevin Tucker gave some tips to students about starting their own businesses on Tuesday afternoon.

By SEAN BYRNE
The Breeze

Kevin Tucker, a 1993 JMU graduate from the College of Business finance program, started his own business, SOLitude, a water, lake and pond management company, in 2001.

Tucker came to JMU to discuss the art of starting a business after graduation with current COB students.

What is your company, and what are its goals? We manage fresh water, whether it's municipal, golf courses, federal, etc. We treat algae and plants, change the chemistry, set up fountains and manage phosphorous loading. We get a lot of phone calls saying, 'My pond is green. What do I do?' Well, we can fix the problem and make the green go away. What makes us important is the relationship with our clients. To me, the relationship is everything, and if we lose it, we lose the business.

How long has your company been in operation, and how long did it take to establish? In 2001, I left it as a side gig and changed it to more of a company. My office was my house; my workspace was my garage. I did sales, I did marketing — I did everything. I think more often than not, your own ingenuity and your own hard work can start your business very successfully. In 2002, I hired my first two employees. Fast-forward to today, we have 20 employees, and we work in nine states. I've learned a lot during that time. When I started it, I wanted to find a niche, something no one else was doing.

What do you wish the COB taught you in order to handle tough business decisions? It was a little light on the execution side, but my experience was good. If one thing could be improved, it was the real-business application. The experience here made me a much more rounded person, academically and socially from a community outreach perspective. And I think that as a more rounded person, I was better able to handle situations as they came about.

How has JMU influenced your business or you as a businessman? Part of the reason I started this business was my passion for the outdoors, and this particular space was an inspiration in itself. I grew up my entire life around water. I like to surf, hike, bike and water raft, and spending time in the mountains [were] part of my favorite activities. Overall, my experience at JMU was wonderful, [and] prior to having a child, I thought JMU was one of the best things that happened to me.

What advice would you give to current and future JMU COB students? Think big, think where you are going five years from now, 20 years from now. If I can leave them with a few nuggets, I can't stress more than a relationship, and without a relationship, the business is nothing. Prior to the economic downturn, the customer retention rate was 98 percent. I would suggest finding what your passion is about and exploring business options. That's what helped us be wonderful.

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Utsi, a retired landmine-detection dog, demonstrated how she searches for mines on the Festival lawn Monday afternoon.

Marshall Legacy Institute hosts mine-search dog demonstration for Post-Conflict Recovery Week

By JOSHUA HAHN and
KELSEY BECKETT
The Breeze

Utsi trots up and down the patch of grass on the Festival lawn until she picks up a scent. She stops and looks at her partner, who focuses on the location of a booby-trapped landmine with wooden stakes.

Her reward: her favorite rubber chew toy, which she hastily devours.

The Marshall Legacy Institute stopped by the Festival lawn on Monday as part of a demonstration for Post-Conflict Recovery Week, hosted by JMU's Center for International Stability and Recovery.

Utsi is a retired mine-detection dog. Her handler, Kimberly McCasland, vice president of Children's Programs and Victims Assistance, travels around the U.S. performing simulated minefield demonstrations at schools, Rotary Clubs and special events, while raising awareness about mine dogs and the Marshall Legacy

Institute.

Eric Wuestewald, an editor at the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery and a 2010 JMU graduate, coordinated the demonstration to raise awareness about landmine issues in developing countries.

"In a lot of post-conflict countries, Libya for example, land mines, ammunitions and bombs get laid everywhere, so people can't access agriculture and water and sometimes are restricted from monuments and religious places," Wuestewald said. "This can impede a country's development as well as impede certain humanitarian work such as health care."

Seventy-two countries out of the 192 associated with the United Nations contain landmines, according to McCasland. Within these countries, including Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen and Angola, there are an estimated 50 to 100 million landmines.

In Angola, it's estimated that one landmine exists for every person. There are

currently about 19.1 million people living in Angola, McCasland explained.

McCasland also said that every 42 minutes, a person in one of these 192 countries steps on or picks up an active land mine.

Costing \$20,000 each, the institute's dogs are typically chosen to become landmine-detection dogs at age 1 and usually work anywhere from five to eight years. They're not allowed to work past age 13.

The dogs' training includes obedience exercises and landmine-detection techniques. It's extremely intricate, and lasts for three to four months in the U.S. at the K-9 Global Training Academy in Somerset, Texas. The specialized dogs and their handlers then become certified by the United Nations and are sent to different countries that need them.

They are taught to remember and search for explosive residue that could be located in the countries they travel to.

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Police continue investigating bus accident

Nursing student uses EMT training to help in Chandler shelter crash; cause is still unknown

By ALISON PARKER
The Breeze

Police are still investigating the bus crash that occurred on March 26.

Sophomore Nicole McCulloch was one of the students involved in the incident. She hopped on the Route 33 bus with iPhone in hand and ear buds in.

As the bus approached Chandler Hall, the nursing major expected the bus to slowly come to a stop.

"The bus driver had hit the breaks, and we just didn't stop," McCulloch

said. "Then I realized that something was wrong."

Soon after, the bus hopped the curbs and crashed into a nearby tree. Some of the windows shattered, leaving glass and tree branches on the floor.

"I can visually remember people bouncing around like popcorn," McCulloch said. "We got up, and we were all freaking out at first."

She called 9-1-1 when everyone evacuated the bus. People were calm, but there were some, including the bus driver, who needed help.

McCulloch is EMT-certified but isn't currently working with a squad.

"The bus driver was dizzy and bleeding from his face," McCulloch said. "Someone grabbed a chair for him, and I went back on the bus to get the first-aid kit."

McCulloch cleaned the cut on his face as he repeatedly asked if the students were OK.

Kelly Johnson, a senior communication studies major, was also on the bus during the crash.

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COURTESY OF NICOLE MCCULLOCH

BUS | ‘I was thinking about everyone else instead of myself’

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“I was at the very back on the bench,” Johnson said. “I looked up and saw glass coming at me, so I dropped to the floor, covering my head and trying not to get glass on me.”

When the bus stopped, Johnson helped calm the other passengers.

“This girl next to me had clearly gone into shock and wasn’t moving,” Johnson said. “I went into big sister mode, and I was thinking about everyone else instead of myself. I made sure everyone who was on the bus was getting off.”

Reggie Smith, director of the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation, said the department is still investigating why the bus crashed.

“We’re still getting calls from JMU, assessing what happened, but the bus is fixable and will be back on the road,” Smith said.

Smith added that HDPT

has had representatives from an insurance company examine the bus.

“We haven’t heard anything yet about the breaks being an issue,” Smith said.

McCulloch said she’s heard rumors since the accident that the bus driver had a stroke or was drunk.

“As far as I know, stroke symptoms include confusion or inability to keep thoughts together,” McCulloch said. “He didn’t have any of those signs. If I had to guess, I’d say it was a bus malfunction.”

McCulloch said because of her EMT training, she didn’t think about the accident when it happened. She focused on making sure the other passengers were safe.

According to police, the driver and a 38-year-old passenger were taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital with non life-threatening injuries and were later released.

“It’s pretty miraculous that no one was seriously injured,

considering the damage to the bus,” McCulloch said. “Even with all the adrenaline, people were still helping each other.”

Johnson experienced minor bleeding because of glass in her wrist. She said she hasn’t traveled on a bus since the incident.

“I was terrified,” she said. “It was a freak accident, and the chance of that happening again, especially when I’m on the bus, is slim to none. It’s definitely a healing process, and one that’s going to take some time.”

McCulloch is also wary of taking the bus after this incident.

“I definitely don’t like riding the bus,” she said. “I completely trust the bus drivers here, but every bump we go over now, it feels like the curb again.”

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RIGHTS | Martin case caused national outcry against discrimination

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“The most affluent suburbs paid the lower income communities to take their share of poor families and house them, and that led to racial and economic segregation,” Greason said.

Greason concluded his speech with a reference to the Trayvon Martin shooting and the change in media opinion of violence toward blacks.

“The one thing that I was pleased to hear out of the Trayvon Martin case was the national outcry that said ‘No, this isn’t right!’” Greason said.

Imani also invited Greason to share his views with students, giving them the opportunity to hear a perspective not normally heard in the classroom.

“I knew he was somebody that students would be interested in, and he is very engaging,” Imani said. “I think

he covers a lot of issues that you don’t necessarily cover in the mundane history classes.”

“Every time you have an assignment or an essay, it’s a chance to come up with something that’s never been seen before.”

Walter Greason
independent history scholar

Greason made two similar speeches earlier that day, one to a history class and another in an English class, on how we interpret what others think of racial equality.

Logan Andrzejewski, a senior English major, heard Greason speak in his class, HIST 356: Afro-American History to 1865.

“From what I know, I agreed with everything he said,” Andrzejewski said. “I was really interested in what he discussed earlier in my class so I decided to come to this and see what else he was going to talk about.”

Greason advised students to use their coursework as a way to make an impact.

“Every time you have an assignment or an essay, it’s a chance to come up with something that has never been seen before,” Greason said. “Think of it as your opportunity to create something people can think about and start some more discourse in the world.”

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MINES | CISR advanced to help with post-conflict recovery



MATT SCHMACHTENBERG / THE BREEZE

Kimberly McCasland, vice president of Children's Programs and Victims Assistance at the Marshall Legacy Institute, directs her mine-detection dog Utsi to search for landmines Monday afternoon on Festival lawn.

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In 1996, the U.S. army began using the Marshall Legacy Institute’s dogs after its own bomb-detecting dogs failed to recognize the presence of an explosive device on a U.S. military site.

Ed Lajoie, a JMU 2011 graduate and CISR member, explained that the CISR has advanced to helping with post-conflict recovery.

“Our main areas are victim assistance, peer support

and psychological counseling around the world,” Lajoie said.

CISR works closely with JMU students and faculty. Suzanne Fiederlein, associate director of CISR, explained how this relationship has benefited the CISR and helped to raise awareness of the institution’s goals.

“The best part of us working with JMU is access to talented JMU students, and faculty with expertise,” Fiederlein said. “People not involved with landmine work, such as

College of Business professors, teach with us, or psychology professors to work with victim assistance. The partnership has helped us.”

Because of Utsi, other mine-detection dogs and mine action operations, more than 19.4 million different types of landmines have been deactivated.

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SHELTER | Works with students in outreach, promotional programs

from front

resort.

Jessica Lowman, a sophomore biology major who volunteers at the RHSPCA, has seen many aggressive animals at the shelter.

“They have sections [of what] I guess you would call street dogs or street cats,” Lowman said. “No one can really go around them because they’re very dangerous. It’s not their fault. It’s just like how a child is, the way it gets raised determines who or what they become.”

Lowman said a large part of being a volunteer is spending time with the animals to increase their human interaction and, therefore, increasing their chances of being adopted.

“So when people come in and are looking for a dog to adopt, [the dogs] are more presentable,” Lowman said. “There are some dogs that might [have] ‘stage fright,’ so when new people come in, they get a little scared, but in reality they’re really great dogs.”

Lowman said that she and other volunteers spend time doing a variety of tasks to help socialize the animals, such as walking or playing with them.

“The shelter’s a very stressful place for animals — very stressful — so we try everything we can to alleviate that stress,” Anderson said. “We have a core of volunteers that come in every day who walk the dogs and play with the cats and keep them sane and loving — you know, feeling that they’re being loved.”

In some cases, animals are taken into foster homes, where volunteers care for certain animals with behavioral issues or health problems. Foster homes also provide mothers who have given birth to their young an alternative place to stay.

Philip Yoder, a senior liberal arts major at Eastern Mennonite University, has fostered two dogs with health problems from the RHSPCA.

“The ones that we fostered had kennel cough, so they were sick, so we were just getting them out and away from other animals until they get better,” Yoder said.

Yoder said he never had any problems with aggression in either of the dogs he fostered.

“I never remembered aggression at all,” Yoder said. “One was really shy and just wanted to cuddle up and sleep all day, and the other was really rambunctious.”

He fostered the dogs for about two or three weeks while

they recovered and enjoyed some time away from the kennel.

Yoder added that he would continue to foster animals in the future and once he has the housing to support an animal for a long period of time, he would consider adopting from the RHSPCA.

According to Anderson, the JMU community is a large help to the RHSPCA in furthering its mission, and contrary to what many think, does not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem.

JMU students in particular, Anderson says, account for about 80 percent of their volunteer staff, and have been some of the shelter’s best adopters.

Lowman said she’s impressed by the dedication of the RHSPCA staff and it’s volunteers.

The problems the RHSPCA faces are ones that the community needs to improve, according to Anderson. In order to raise awareness, the RHSPCA works with students in outreach and promotional programs, such as the Home and Garden Show this past weekend.

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Freedom of speech

Matthew Meritt, a junior Spanish and justice studies double major, adds his opinion to the free speech wall that Madison Liberty placed on the commons on Monday. The wall will remain there until tomorrow for students, faculty and staff to practice their First Amendment rights.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Delay judgment

There's little doubt that the case surrounding the shooting of Trayvon Martin does not, on the face of it, look good. The shooting of an African-American teenager can only cause more tension over issues which have long plagued this country.

This is not, however, sufficient cause for one to rush to judgment and demand an expedited form of justice. It was only in 2006 that the Duke lacrosse scandal captivated the attention of this country. The players were condemned in the court of

public opinion for allegations which would later prove unfounded.

In the same way, this investigation is still underway, and not all of the known facts have been released to the public. This is not to say that George Zimmerman is guilty or not guilty — that is for a jury of his peers to decide. In cases such as these where emotions run high, reasoned and level-headed minds ought to prevail.

Kyle Jacobs
senior
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Sorry, Mom



LUCAS WACHOB | no goal

Stripped of rights

Citizens shouldn't have to sacrifice their privacy for their security

The Supreme Court further inhibited our privacy rights Monday when it ruled 5-4 that all detainees who are jailed could be subject to strip searches, regardless of the seriousness of their offense.



Privacy is one of the most fundamental human rights. The Fourth Amendment guarantees that "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated." It's other places, too. The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights also says, "No one shall be subject to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence."

We have the right to refuse searches, and there are a lot of good reasons to do so. You don't know what someone else may have left behind in your car or apartment. Your belongings may be treated roughly during a search or even broken.

You may not want to endure the waiting time or the humiliation of being searched. The consequences of being wrongfully searched are much higher than not searching

someone in the first place since either way, the person will end up in jail.

Exercising our right to privacy can protect us against abuses, but it makes a cop's job harder.

Someone whose friend left marijuana in his car could find himself in jail with a criminal record. Someone who has to sit on the side of the road in cuffs while their possessions are rifled through may never feel secure in himself again.

To police, our rights are obstacles and they do what they can to get around them. Officers have the ability to use our fear and their experience to convince people to give up their rights and accept arbitrary searches. The phrase, "We can do this the easy way or the hard way" comes to mind.

Most people take "the easy way" and comply with arbitrary searches, but the consequences can be dire. Someone whose friend left marijuana in his car could find himself in jail with a criminal record. Someone

who has to sit on the side of the road in cuffs while their possessions are rifled through may never feel secure in himself again.

A 2009 book by Harvey Silverglate, "Three Felonies a Day: How the Feds Target the Innocent," details the many laws citizens break daily that police can selectively enforce to get what they want, including your rights. It's exactly like blackmail.

What the Supreme Court did Monday will make things much worse. It's already too easy for the police to talk us out of our rights with threats of arrest. Many students at JMU have probably experienced something similar.

Now those threats also include an invasive strip search or multiple strip searches.

Who will assert their rights when the price is an arrest and a strip search?

What's the difference between a society without a right to privacy, and a society where the right to privacy is never used? Americans shouldn't have to abandon their privacy to feel safe, and the Supreme Court shouldn't just stand by as police forcefully take away our rights.

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CONVERSATION CORNER

Do you think members of the JMU community should be able to carry guns on campus? Why or why not?

@JJ3BALLA

no absolutely not. why should we put students in even more danger by having guns in the classroom

LAURA JOHANSEN

And as a student on campus right now, if they allowed concealed carry here, I wouldn't feel safe and I doubt my parents would either.

@JCARPEDIEMSS

I don't think it's necessary. Campus is a relatively safe place.

DAN ROWSON

There is no need to add the stress of wondering who is packing heat to a college students already stressful life.

D.J. SPIKER

Without question. The 2nd Amendment gives citizens the right, and there's nothing to stop a non-JMU member from carrying on campus.

BARBARA PARKER

Way too many trigger happy people out there. I can't believe it's [...] being discussed.

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CHRIS KICHINKO | guest columnist

Right to bear arms

Students should be able to carry guns on campus

I'm not the lowest common denominator. I have and will never be OK with being treated like a kid. But whenever I attend classes at JMU I'm told I'm too irresponsible, reckless or immature to handle myself like an adult.

I'm a card-carrying member of the National Rifle Association, a red-blooded American by all accounts. I am the 1.7 percent; that is, I'm the 1.7 percent of Virginians who choose to carry a firearm for self-defense. I am responsible, trained and practiced, but every day JMU decides that these things aren't enough, that some students aren't responsible enough to possess licensed firearms for protection, so none should.

This at Mr. James Madison's namesake? "Be The Change" my foot.

Further, these assumptions are made by people to whom I've never spoken or met. While permit carriers are licensed by the Virginia State Police as law-abiding and trained citizens, JMU's administrators continually assert that they know better.

You may know JMU's University Policy 1105 as the prohibition of weapons policy, which explicitly bans students, faculty and staff from possessing weapons on campus. This policy isn't so cut-and-dry. Parts of our

campus, for instance, aren't clearly delineated (like the campus boundary on University Boulevard, which changes mid-street). Most students have a general idea where these changeovers occur, but for those of us facing expulsion or termination, general ideas just aren't enough.

JMU's policy doesn't just ban guns, either. Want to bring a taser for those late night walks home from the library? Prohibited, right along with pepper spray.

Expulsion and termination: These are the penalties faced by those who would like to carry these tools of self-defense on campus. How can JMU apply these policies to those who aren't members of the JMU community? They can't. Non-JMU community members are simply asked to leave; nothing else happens.

As a public school, JMU receives public funding by taxpayers. On campus, members of the JMU community should be entitled to the same rights afforded to us across the rest of the state. These rights are creator-given and non-negotiable.

Gun control doesn't curb crime. Time and again, loosening gun laws

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DARTS & PATS

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A "look-before-you-leap" dart to the pedestrians on campus.

From a bus rider who's tired of getting whiplash because the bus stops for you to finish jaywalking.

A "what's-it-gonna-be-HAH!" pat to the JMU Pep Band for being the best band and getting everyone to "Start Wearing Purple."

From the truly appreciative women's basketball team and coaches who know we couldn't have done it without you and can't thank you enough.

A "you-made-me-feel-a-lot-better" pat to the guy handing out Easter eggs with a smile on the commons today.

From a girl who just got denied from being a FrOG and needed a little cheering up.

A "you're-supposed-to-say-Polo" dart to my textbook who has suddenly disappeared in my room again.

From a girl who's tired of yelling Marco as she tears her room apart to find you.

A "sticky-fingers" dart to the person who stole my car keys on Saturday night.

From a senior Saturn driver who thought this was the greatest April Fools' Day prank until my roommates didn't say anything when I called AAA.

A "can-I-get-yo-number" pat to the girl in Carrier Library Starbucks with a "Green Monstah" Red Sox sticker on her MacBook.

From a single guy who's trying to recreate "Fever Pitch" in his own life.

A "history-repeats-itself" dart to Carrier Library for having such small trash bins.

From the piles of trash that regularly accumulate on top of the unnecessarily small trash bins on every floor.

A "what-would-I've-done-without-you" pat to the two girls who walked me home after I fell and hurt my wrist on Devon Lane Friday night.

From an extremely clumsy girl who was reminded that she loves JMU so much because of people like you.

A "newsflash-we-have-one-month-to-complete-our-JMU-bucket-list" dart to all the other graduating seniors.

From an anxious senior who is frantically trying to cross off things from her own.

A "we-couldn't-have-done-it-without-you" pat to all of the amazing volunteers who helped with Disability Awareness Week.

From an extremely grateful Disability Services staff who hopes to see you again next year.

A "whose-day-is-it?" dart to those who chose President Linwood Rose as commencement speaker.

From a senior who appreciates everything Rose has done for JMU but would like to hear a different perspective and advice than what we have heard for the past four years.

A "you-deserve-an-award" pat to my economics professor who brought popcorn and grapes to our movie day.

From a loving economics major who thought you were kidding when you promised us food but loved that you came through.

A "supreme-pizza-not-supreme-service" dart to the woman at Sbarro for being rude to a fellow staff member.

From someone who now goes to Burger Junction instead.

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leads to less crime, not more. From 1995, when Virginia began to allow all citizens to obtain carry permits without requiring a reason, statistics show violent crime decreased 37.2 percent and murder dropped 42.1 percent, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports from 2009. Despite efforts to scare you and lead you to believe that guns are dangerous, the opposite is true.

The 1981 D.C. Court of

Appeals case *Warren v. DC*, holds that police have no legal responsibility to protect individuals.

Time and again, loosening gun laws leads to less crime not more.

Empirical statistics and anecdotal history at schools (including a 17 year period at Blue Ridge Community College) show that opponents'

beliefs are flawed. They show more guns in the hands of responsible citizens means less crime.

I implore you, change this policy. Return to students, faculty and staff the means of self-defense guaranteed to us by the Virginia and United States constitutions. The text is clear: The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

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Extra taxes for health care will benefit the whole country

The Supreme Court heard the case for and against the new "Obamacare" health care



bill last week. More specifically, it has focused on whether the individual mandate that would require everyone to have some form of health care is constitutional or not.

This is a huge deal considering that the entire health care bill revolves around this fact: Everyone in America will sometime in his or her life have to use some kind of health care.

It's interesting that people are so against this because we already pay taxes that are very similar to this. To say that you want to opt out of this and not have to pay for health care would be like saying you want to opt out of Social Security taxes.

Or to say that you think you will never have to use health care would be much like not wanting to pay state taxes and say that you will never use a public road.

What's really at the root of this argument is that people

don't like when the government tells them that they need to do something.

Now, it's understandable that people get nervous whenever the government stretches its reach and tells citizens to pay a certain tax.

Some of the positives are that you get to stay on your parents' health care plan until you're 26, which is a huge deal for most college students who don't have extra money lying around for the high cost of health insurance. Another plus side is that it doesn't discriminate against pre-existing health conditions, which is huge for people with chronic illnesses.

People have given so-called "Obamacare" a bad rep because they have either heard the relentless bashing of it by the right, or because whenever there's a new tax everyone gets up in arms about it before fully understanding what's happening.

I don't like taxes being taken out of my paycheck either, but if it's for me to be able to have health insurance, I'm OK with that. And if the courts deem this unconstitutional, how can you not say that all taxes, like Social Security, are unconstitutional as well?

But what people don't understand is that they do this every day.

Having health care is a right much like having Social Security, driving down a public road (paid by taxes) every morning or even having police respond to an emergency for you.

People tend to focus on the things they don't like about

the bill and either don't want to know more about it or don't fully understand it.

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A MACRoCk mappy

More than 80 bands will invade downtown this weekend for the 15th annual Mid Atlantic College Radio Conference. Since 1997, MACRoCk has been showcasing independent music from around the area and beyond.

By **MEAGHAN MACDONALD**
The Breeze

A two-day showcase spread across downtown could be daunting and overwhelming for newcomers, so here is a list of the top three bands that shouldn't be missed this weekend.

Malatese

Local Harrisonburg band Malatese is featured in Friday's showcase. The band is a quintessential example of MACRoCk's do-it-yourself mentality, with all their albums being self-produced and manufactured. This summer, the band plans on releasing their first LP.

Malatese's sound emulates that of early punk with its short songs and quick beats. Singles off their upcoming LP, like "Shape Shifters," suggest slight hints of surfer rock similar to bands like Obits.

Malatese will perform Friday at the Artful Dodger starting at 4:10 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

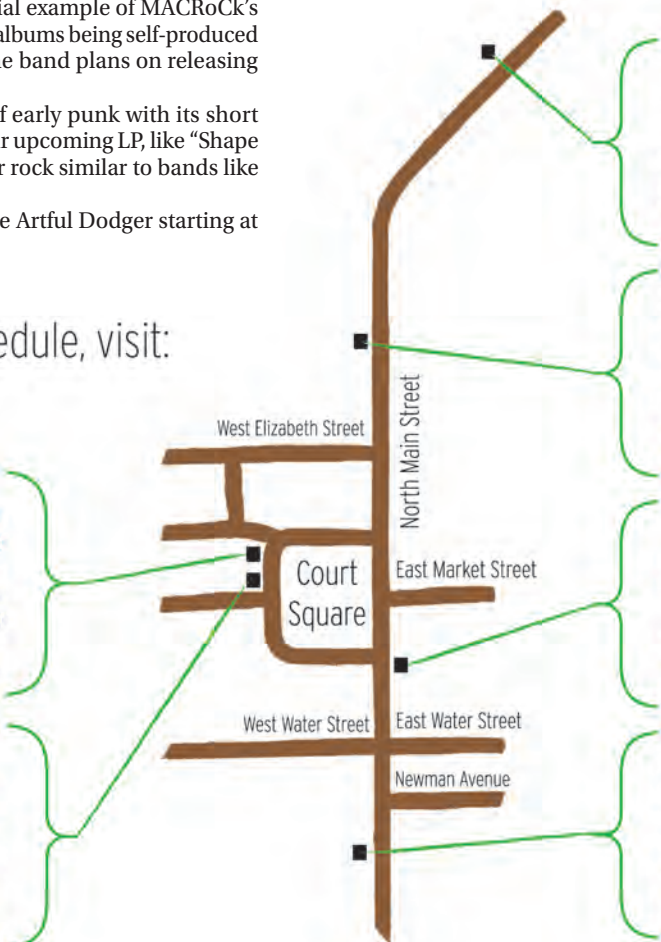
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Court Square Theater

Strand of Oaks	11:10 - 12:00
The Soil and The Sun	10:10 - 10:50
Timbre	9:20 - 9:50
Yellow Ostrich	11:10 - 12:00
Forest Fire	10:10 - 10:50
Jeffery Lewis & The Junkyard	9:20 - 9:50

Artful Dodger

The Diamond Center	6:20 - 7:00
Ttotals	5:40 - 6:10
Malatese	4:10 - 4:30
Big Troubles	8:10 - 8:50
Creepoid	7:10 - 7:50
Hoop Dreams	6:10 - 6:40



Little Grill Collective

Nick Camilla	10:30-11:00
House & Home	9:40-10:10
Dogs on Main St.	8:50-9:20
Benjamin Francis	10:30-11:00
Leftwich	9:40-10:10
The Turlocks	8:50-9:20
Bib-bi	

Blue Nile

Valkyrie	11:10 - 11:50
Internal Void	10:10 - 10:50
Cough	9:20 - 9:50
Tombs	11:10 - 12:00
Black Anvil	10:10 - 10:50
Ramming Speed	9:20 - 9:50

Downtown 34

Heavy Cream	11:10 - 12:00
Nightmare Boyzzz	10:20 - 10:50
Slutever	9:20 - 10:00
Self Defense Family	11:20 - 12:00
Algernon Cadwallader	10:20 - 11:00
Lizard Police	9:30 - 10:00

Clementine Cafe

Lower Dens	12:05 - 12:50
Total Slacker	11:10-11:50
Invisible Hand	10:20 - 10:50
Hunx and His Punx	12:05 - 12:55
Eternal Summers	11:10 - 11:50
The Beets	10:10 - 10:50

Benjamin Francis Leftwich

International talent is beginning to find its way into MACRoCk as well. Singer-songwriter Leftwich, originally from York, England, has been playing since age 10.

Comparisons have been drawn between Leftwich and Irish folk singer Damien Rice or Iron & Wine, specifically for his gentle vocals and slow pace of each song.

Leftwich will be the final performance at the Little Grill Collective Saturday evening. Leftwich is expected to play at 10:30-11 p.m.

Lower Dens

Fresh off the South by Southwest tour, Lower Dens comes to Harrisonburg to showcase their experimental/new wave ambience. The band, formed in 2009, is fairly new, but is starting to pick up speed (it always helps to win the buzz of the annual SXSW festival).

Lower Dens' tracks tend to be more melodic and slow, also featuring lengthy instrumental intros. Lead singer Jana Hunter in some songs doesn't even begin to sing until a minute into the tracks. Hunter's soft voice can be compared to Thom Yorke's.

You can find Lower Dens at Clementine Café Friday performing 12:05-12:50 p.m.

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Cake-off fundraises for Autism Awareness Day



President Linwood Rose, Elise Allen, a Dining Services' pastry chef and Taricia Pippert, a sport and recreation management professor, judged 10 cakes for NSLS's first event this semester. JMU's Kids Klub was voted most creative and most colorful.

By **ALICIA HESSE**
The Breeze

A four-inch mountain of fudge sits by a river of blue icing, a candy campfire and a graham cracker tent.

This is the design of Outdoor Adventure Club's cake, one of 10 at the cake auction hosted by JMU's National Society of Leadership and Success on Tuesday afternoon.

The event was part of World Autism Awareness Day. NSLS raised \$146, but used \$118 to pay Dining Services for providing free slices of cake to participants, leaving a \$28 donation to the National Autism Foundation.

"We're participating in a global movement," said Kindra Amott, the coordinator for clubs and organizations in the Office of Student Activities and Involvement.

The cake auction was NSLS's first event this semester, and 10 organizations used their baking skills to take part.

Chiedo John, NSLS president and a junior computer science major, hopes to have at least 30 clubs participate next year.

"This is a long-term investment, not short-term," John said.

Kids Klub, a JMU service organization that works with Harrisonburg children, topped their cake with a JMU-meets-Candy-Land decor. A Starburst path wound around a Swedish Fish called "Gummy Lake," through a "Hershey Kissing Rock," and over "Lollipop Village."

Judging the cakes were President Linwood Rose, Elise Allen, a Dining Services' pastry chef and Taricia Pippert, a sport and recreation management professor.

Out of the six categories, the Kids Klub's cake was awarded most creative and most colorful. Other categories were most school spirited, most colorful, most original and best decorated.

Students could place bids and vote on their favorite cakes. Eighty-six ballots were cast.

In addition to the bake-off, NSLS members illuminated Wilson, Maury and Keezell halls with blue lights on Tuesday evening. National monuments like the White House and the Empire State Building also glowed blue in support of the cause.

Next year, Amott explains, NSLS

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Taking back the night

Main speaker for event takes a lighthearted approach to heavy subject, easing tension

By **BRIDGET CONDON**
contributing writer

Despite being the main speaker at Tuesday's Take Back the Night event, Mark Dawson wasn't afraid to share the stage.

A self-described secondary sexual assault survivor, Dawson invited audience members to the stage to demonstrate how everyday interactions can be understood in different ways.

Take Back the Night, an annual event hosted by Student Wellness and Outreach, brings together students who have been impacted by violence. The event opens with speakers and musicians, and is followed by an anonymous forum for sharing experiences and a candlelight walk.

Dawson used simple language and a lighthearted tone to share his own experience and advice about the dark past of a loved one.

"I was involved with a girl who was raped in college," Dawson said, "and it was not until 12 years after college that she told me. I was the first person she ever told."

Stories ranged from direct to indirect accounts of sexual assault and violence.

"I was advised to come last year, and after that I made this year's event a priority," said Melissa McMillan, a junior sociology major. "I believe it's important to come out and talk about this issue. It's been portrayed as a negative image, and this is a way of breaking those bonds."

The night began with performances by the Bluestones, the Overtones and Into Hymn, with poetry readings in between.

Liz Howley, assistant director of SWO, describes Take Back the Night as "a way to raise awareness,

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ALBUM REVIEW

New Nicki Minaj a super fail

By **JACK KNETEMANN**
The Breeze

"If you can't handle my worst, you ain't getting my best," goes the chorus of "Marilyn Monroe." If you're looking to handle Nicki Minaj's worst, "Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded" is a good place to start.

Nicki Minaj
Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded
★★★★★
Released April 3

Minaj became the reigning queen of hip-hop by detonating some of the most fearsome guest verses of all time, which is what makes the two albums under her own name so disappointing.

There isn't a song that lives up to the hype, but that isn't due to lack of trying. "Roman Reloaded" is 22



COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

Nicki Minaj's commitment to be over-the-top doesn't translate for album success.

tracks, which makes the formulaic writing and repetitive production all the more glaring. Songs such as "Sex in the Lounge" is uninspired takes on the Eurodance club garbage that fills half of Top 40 radio.

The only song that's made an impact on Top 40, "Turn Me On" (featuring French super-producer

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CAKE | ‘Hopefully bigger things in the future’

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plans to illuminate East Campus Library so it can be seen from the highway and reach a greater audience.

Though NSLS started at JMU three semesters ago, this is the first semester they’re swinging into motion, according to John.

“This semester is like the rebirth,” John said. “We want to develop leaders who will develop leaders and make the world a better place.”

NSLS received 460 applicants this semester. Once applicants complete the leadership training they’re inducted and spilt into smaller teams to put on a fundraiser of their choice.

“This is just the start of hopefully bigger things in the future,” Amott said. “More cakes, more lights.”

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SEAN CASSIDY / THE BREEZE

Kids Klub’s cake featured a Candyland-inspired display of campus, including “Gummy Lake,” “Skittle Skyline,” “Wilson Castle” and “Extra Credits Exit 245.” Categories for the contest included most creative, most representative of organization spirit and best decorated.

ASSAULT | Widespread, deserves attention



BRIAN PRESCOTT / THE BREEZE

Take Back the Night gathers speakers and performers, ending with a candle walk from Grafton-Stovall Theater to the Quad.

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and for people to realize they are not alone.

“I am very passionate about this issue,” said Alaina Vinacco, a graduate assistant student coordinator. “I identify as a survivor. I want people to have courage to support those who have been through this.”

Some students who attended the event left with an understanding of the prevalence of sexual assault and violence.

“Everyone knows someone

in this situation,” said Staci Wassinger, a senior IDLS major. “Sexual assault is so widespread and deserves attention.”

Dawson left the audience with a challenge: “Go to three people you know and tell them you went to this event and say ‘if anyone ever does anything to you, I am here to listen.’ All people need sometimes is that sense of companionship.”

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ROMAN | Though irksome, Stupid H--’ is fun

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David Guetta), renders Minaj’s voice completely unrecognizable — a feat, considering her unmistakable rapping style. The absolute low points are “Starships” and “Pound the Alarm,” which feature brostep ‘drops’ so clumsy they feel more like falls.

The majority of the record is Minaj trying to

force her personality into contemporary pop clichés. Songs that break from the norm show signs of life, such as “Champion” and the “Come on a Cone.” Early-release “Stupid H--” is Minaj at her most entertaining and original.

Though a bit irksome, “Stupid H--” has something this album sorely lacks: It’s fun. Like a great Outkast song, Minaj’s “Superbass”

was a smash because of how joyfully weird it was. “Roman Reloaded,” however, too often forgets the joy and overloads on the weird.

Two of the best tracks on “Roman Reloaded” are the ones that feature guest spots. The title song finds Lil Wayne in top form, and the collaboration with Chris Brown on “Right By My Side” is surprisingly fluid.

The big-name guests give Minaj the contrast her brash style needs as her specialty is in grabbing the spotlight, not dominating it. Though she can explode into a mic like none other, Minaj lacks the ability to carry a full album.

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MADIPALOOZA |

Attendance expected to increase by 2,000 guests

from front

Planning for this year’s event started much earlier than last year’s, with the first funds secured before Thanksgiving and the first meeting in December.

“Last year was really hectic,” Grogan said. “We had a lot more time to get things done this year.”

The idea for the event last year didn’t surface until late fall, and by the time approval and funding were granted, it was February, Grogan explained.

Karlyn Doyle, a junior SMAD major who’s in charge of contracting the smaller bands for Madipalooza, calls last year a test-run.

“Now we know what we need to focus on to make it run more smoothly,” Doyle said.

The concert set list includes Russell Dickerson, who opened for UPB’s Randy Montana show last year; Money Cannot Be Eaten, the student band who won this year’s UPB Rumble Down Under competition; The Static, a self-proclaimed “glam rock” band; The Dean’s List, an up-and-coming hip-hop group; Murphy’s Kids, a local band; and The Movement, a reggae band that performed at Madipalooza last year.

Chase Suddith, the

sub-committee chair for operations and logistics and a senior public policy and administration major, has worked with HDPT to finalize gate operation and a guest policy.

Only guests with a JACard-carrying student, faculty or staff member will gain access. Students will wear purple wristbands and guests will wear yellow ones.

Madipalooza will be held on the Festival lawn, with a rain location slated for the Godwin gym. Grogan and Bobbitt hope to hold the event at University Fields in the years to come.

Promotions for the event include updating through Facebook and Twitter accounts, passing out free sunglasses on the commons this week and tying T-shirts on the commons tomorrow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

“Even though it can be stressful at times to plan such a major event and balance so many pieces at the same time,” Grogan said, “seeing such positive impact and knowing that we have contributed to a new tradition on campus — that’s really cool.”

Grogan projects 8,000 students to attend, up from 6,000 last year.

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HOLE | Undergrad main player in project

from front

Most people might associate telescopes with stargazing, but these astronomers gave the public an opportunity to look at the sun. They used a Coronado telescope that has protective filters that allow viewers to look at the outside layer of the sun without harming their eyes.

The light coming from the sun covers the whole visible electromagnetic spectrum, and the filters absorb everything but a single wavelength so spectators could observe the sun’s texture.

Constantin said she’s heard great praises for their community outreach, and she believes they’re successful in showing how science is fun, creative and an exciting process.

“We manage to empower the curious to ask questions, and to nurture a sense of wonder and awe for the universe, which are some of our goals,” she said.

According to Kyle Eskridge, a junior physics and astronomy major, about 50 people usually stop by during Astronomy at

the Market.

“A lot of research we do has never been done before so we could make a contribution if we find something,” Saikin said. “There’s so much more to astronomy that’s still waiting to be explored.”

Since there isn’t a physics graduate program at JMU, Corcoran said they’re given an opportunity, as undergraduates, to do what graduate students would normally be doing.

“Here, the undergrads are the main players in the research process,” Constantin said.

The department of physics and astronomy hosts Astronomy at the Market up to four times a semester. Other outreach events include the John C. Wells Planetarium, Star Parties and Robotics, a workshop for high school students. The JMU Astronomy Club meets every other Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Miller Planetarium.

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CHEERLEADING



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Junior Stephanie LaTesta (right) and the cheerleading squad practice Monday night in preparation for their trip to Daytona, FL. next week for the NCAA Nationals.

Cheerleading to compete in NCAA Nationals among larger Division-I schools

By JACKIE BRENNAN
The Breeze

Daytona, Florida isn't just for NASCAR anymore. It now hosts the 2012 NCAA National Competition for cheerleading.

JMU's team will be the first to compete in its division next Thursday.

This final competition of the academic year for college teams nationwide takes place annually at the Daytona Beach Bandshell. The squad's performance at Nationals will be a culmination of preparation that's been almost a year in the making.

Competition among squads is determined by the division the participating college's football team competes in. Daytona's field this year includes Division-I, I-AA, Division-II and NAIA teams. The competition is then divided into large or small co-ed and all-girls squads. These

are further classified as either intermediate or advanced based on skills in the team's routine.

Head coach Kelly Moore's team already has its work cut out for them. JMU will be going head-to-head with the 13 teams in its classification, including reigning champion University of Texas-El Paso and winner of the four previous competitions, University of Central Oklahoma.

Moore feels her team is more than up to the challenge.

"Our team does a really good job of not even looking at those other teams," Moore said. "We're worried about what we're putting on the mat."

In the past, the team has relied on video submission to secure an invite to the national competition, but the team changed methods to earn this season's bid. Senior co-captain Kristen Slaughter said that attendance at an NCAA camp and earning a silver paid bid was a couple of steps up from video submissions.

Unlike admittance through video entry, obtaining a paid automatic bid from an NCAA camp discounts the expense of competing in Daytona. The silver bid saves JMU competitors \$225 apiece on individual entrance fees and shaves \$1,500 off hotel expenses.

Moore considered winning one of the four automatic bids in the 25-team field consisting of ACC and SEC teams an honor in itself.

After being assessed in different skills and routine competitions, the teams with the two highest point values got gold paid bids, and the two next highest received the two silver bids.

The team's capacity for resilience, reflected by their competitive success in the past season, got public attention in October after the death of teammate, Nick Keatts. Keatts competed when the team performed at the NCAA camp, and

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MEET THE PLAYER



COURTESY OF JMU ATHLETICS

Heather Kiefer

freshman pitcher

Kiefer, a Potomac Falls native, was this week's Colonial Athletic Association Pitcher of the Week.

What's been the hardest thing to adjust to as a college athlete? The hardest thing to adjust to as a college athlete is the schedule. I had to learn very quickly how to balance school work, practice, lifting, conditioning and a social life. At first, everything is thrown at you at once and it is a little bit overwhelming to get a grip on things, but the upperclassmen were helpful to all the freshmen.

What has it been like to collect CAA-weekly honors as a freshman? It's always an honor to receive CAA weekly awards. My team plays a big part in whatever awards I receive and especially as a pitcher. I could not do it without them. It takes all three parts of the game: pitching, fielding and hitting to put the complete game together.

Who on the team is the funniest and why? Kaitlyn Barbour. She is really good at doing different voices and imitating people's laughs. There is rarely a dull moment in the locker room or on the bus.

Who is your sports idol? Brett Favre. He loved his game too much to let it go.

If you could marry any celebrity, who would it be and why? Tim Tebow because he stands for the right things, is a dedicated worker, and he's hot.

Who do you listen to most on your iPod? Rihanna.

CHASE KIDDY | fanatic and proud

MLB fight is childish

Baseball players need to get their act together when dealing with situations not directly related to the game

When I was six years old, my mom sat me down and told me not to hit people. My first-grade teacher, Mrs. Campbell, echoed that sentiment. I wasn't quite sure why, but everyone who was important in my life seemed to

agree: Hitting people is bad.

Fifteen years later, I have a more complete understanding of the moral implications of intentionally harming someone. Going off and just whacking someone? That's probably going to get you in trouble.

Baseball isn't much different. Occasionally a pitcher will get a little too up close and personal with his pitches, almost hitting a player. Perhaps a runner will slide too aggressively into home and take out a catcher. A team will generally seek retribution against any player in the form of hitting him whilst at bat shortly after his offense is committed. Look no further than the Nyjer Morgan incident from a couple years ago, when Marlins pitcher Chris Volstad tried to beam Morgan in the leg for stealing two bases after his team was already up 11 runs the previous day.

This practice might not be the most above-board part of professional baseball, but it is generally accepted as one of the more esoteric and interesting parts of the sport. It happens at least a dozen times every season. In a twisted sort of way, the defense of a teammate by intentionally throwing a baseball 90-some miles an hour at

some player is sort of like modern-day chivalry. Well, sort of.

That I can understand. That I can get behind. But what I can't seem to comprehend is Ubaldo Jimenez standing on the mound, grinding an axe against his former teammate Troy Tulowitzki.

Jimenez broke onto the scene as the suddenly ace pitcher for the Colorado Rockies in 2010. After starting the year as an absolute nobody, he was easily the most dominant pitcher before the all-star break, posting a ridiculous 13-1 record with 1.15 ERA in his first 14 starts. He faded over the final few months of the season, still outpitching most others but definitely looking more mortal than he had during his opening act. But his late season slump did cost him the National League Cy Young award, which unanimously went to Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay.

His slump never really ended. In the 2011 season, Jimenez expected a shiny new contract after his breakout season. There was just one problem: He couldn't even manage a .500 record on a decent team. So instead of a big contract, the Rockies front office rewarded their struggling star with a trade to baseball Hell, also known as Cleveland.

Jimenez obviously wasn't happy with the trade, but what really set him off was that the money he felt he deserved was given to Colorado's slugging shortstop, Troy Tulowitzki. When he started complaining rather vocally, Tulowitzki told him to shut up and deal with it. Probably good advice for a sub-.500 pitcher whose ERA had ballooned to numbers that outfielders could probably match.

Bitter, jealous and on a bad team, Jimenez took out his frustration in the only way baseball players know how. When the Indians scrimmaged the Rockies last weekend, he beamed his former teammate right in the forearm/elbow area. Baseball is cool with that, right?

Not so fast. Jimenez wasn't defending a teammate's honor. He wasn't righting any wrongs. He was using the mound as his own personal score-settler, and there's nothing chivalrous about that. Immediately afterward, he ran off the mound and tried to start a fight with Tulowitzki.

This wasn't OK on so many levels. Rockies coach Jim Tracy called Jimenez' actions "the most gutless act I have seen in 35 years of professional baseball.... Are you kidding me? Five days before opening day and you are going to take a potshot like that? I have lost all respect for him."

Tracy is right on all counts. Maybe the worst part about this whole situation is the details of the beam. It's not just that he hit Tulowitzki, but he hit him in his arm, a slugger's bread and butter. Jimenez could have done pretty serious damage to Tulowitzki's batting, and because they're still playing spring ball, his entire season could potentially have been placed in jeopardy.

Tracy would have called for Jimenez to be suspended, so no one was really surprised when baseball commissioner Bud Selig suspended him for the first five games of the season. Selig was at the game

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BECKY SULLIVAN / THE BREEZE

Softball on steady incline

Catcher Megan Shinaberry goes after a ball during Tuesday's practice as the team prepared to host Norfolk State University yesterday.

The Dukes played a doubleheader game against NSU yesterday, beating the Spartans in game one 3-2 and nearly shutting them out in the second game, winning 4-1.

Softball season has been underway since mid-February, facing opponents in states such as North Carolina, Maryland and California.

The team has recently boasted Colonial Athletic Association wins over Drexel and UNC-Wilmington, giving JMU a 5-1 conference record, putting it second in the CAA behind 5-0 Hofstra.

In the recent sweep over the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks, the Dukes scored a total of 23 runs in 18 innings, shutting out the Seahawks in their final game 8-0.

Along with conference wins, JMU players have collected seven CAA honors since March 6. Freshman Heather Kiefer was this week's Pitcher of the Week and has been Rookie of the Week twice. Freshman Morgan Heath was this week's Rookie of the Week, her third straight week of earning the award. Senior Ashley Burnham was the March 6 Player of the Week.

The Dukes next face a series against George Mason this weekend.

CHEERLEADING

'We push our bodies'



NATE CARDEN / THE BREEZE

The cheer squad practice their routine in the Convocation Center Monday night. The Dukes are dedicating their performance to Nick Keatts, a senior cheerleader who died last semester. This Monday the squad will showcase its performance at 7:30 p.m.

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the team looks at Nationals as an opportunity to honor his memory.

“Keatts is still in the back of our minds,” said freshman Daniella Baird. “We want to do this and win to honor him because he loved this team with all his heart.”

Putting the inspiration into practice will be a two-day affair for the Dukes.

“After we compete, they will publicly announce what your score was,” said senior co-captain Tyler Bradley. “From then on, it’s head-to-head competition on who’s going to make finals.”

Six of the 13 teams will be taken to finals after Thursday’s competition. Moore says that the bottom seven compete the next morning

for one additional spot into finals. If the team makes it the first day, they will compete against eight teams on Friday.

Unlike past seasons, the Dukes won’t be leaving Daytona right afterward. Freshman Shannon Connolly will be competing for the first time in the group stunt competition on Saturday.

Connolly will be the flyer for the Saturday stunt face-off after regular team competition. Connolly’s bases will be junior Stefanie Paige, as well as freshmen Joyce Theisen and Katilynn Wyatt.

“I’ve been practicing probably every day,” Connolly said. “I’d say [an] hour and a half to two hours a day in addition to [regular team] practice.”

Connolly’s competition is more clear-cut than what she

will be up against with her team in the two days preceding her own showing.

“It’s not like intermediate and advanced,” Connolly said. “I’ll be competing against teams that will be in the advanced division in the team competition.”

Acceptance into the stunt showcase is a big accomplishment for Connolly since very few are chosen to compete.

“They only took 10 across the whole nation,” Moore said.

Some of the other schools Connolly will be competing against are Oklahoma State, Iowa State, University of Nevada Las Vegas and Hawaii Pacific.

Like any other competition for the Dukes, the key to success will be to execute and have fun.

“This is something that we love,” said senior Lamar Walker. “Day in and day out, sometimes seven days a week, we are doing something cheer-related. We love it, and we’re passionate about it, and we push our bodies to the limit, so we definitely want to have fun with this opportunity.”

The squad departed will depart next Tuesday night, will practice in the venue next Wednesday before beginning competition Thursday.

The team will be showcasing its routine for Nationals at 7:30 p.m. on Monday in the Convocation Center and is open to the public.

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Opening day

brings questions

What to expect this MLB season

The Philadelphia Inquirer

There were a lot of changes in the off-season in the National League. Now that baseball is underway, here’s a look at what has been done.

Repeat performance?

No NL team has repeated as World Series champion since the Cincinnati Reds won consecutive titles in 1976 and 1977.

So the St. Louis Cardinals face a tough challenge and have to do it without the two franchise icons: Albert Pujols, now with the Los Angeles Angels, and manager Tony LaRussa, who retired.

Former catcher Mike Matheny takes over for La Russa, and the Cardinals get Adam Wainwright back after missing last year due to Tommy John surgery. Chris Carpenter, the pitcher who sent the Phillies home from the playoffs, is out with a shoulder injury, and his return date isn’t known.

Improved division

The Phillies have won five consecutive NL East titles and will be favored for a sixth, but the competition should be much stronger.

Atlanta remains a contender despite last year’s colossal collapse, while the Miami Marlins and Washington Nationals appear to be vastly improved. Only the New York Mets don’t appear ready to make the other NL East teams sweat very much.

Chargin’ Marlins

The Marlins have a new name (now known as Miami), a new stadium, a new manager who never met a microphone he didn’t like (Ozzie Guillen) and several new players.

The Marlins were one of the most active teams in free agency, reeling in shortstop Jose Reyes, pitcher Mark Buehrle

and closer Heath Bell. The key, however, will be the return to form of Josh Johnson, who was limited to just nine starts last season due to a shoulder injury and how well Hanley Ramirez makes the transition from shortstop to third base.

Magic in L.A.

With the Los Angeles Dodgers being bought by Magic Johnson’s group for \$2.1 billion, will they return to be one of the sport’s preeminent teams after the disastrous ownership tenure of Frank McCourt?

The Dodgers could contend this season in the NL West, although defending champion Arizona and 2010 World Series champion San Francisco and Colorado could all make cases for winning the division.

Busting through

Giants catcher Buster Posey, one of the chief contributors to the team’s 2010 World Series championship, returns after recovering from a broken leg and torn ligaments in his ankle following a gruesome collision at the plate on May 25. Posey was the NL rookie of the year in 2010 and, despite being just 25, is one of the leaders in the game. On an offensively challenged team, his return to form is vital.

Farewell Chipper

Third baseman Chipper Jones, a likely future Hall of Famer, announced that this will be his last season, one that will start with him expecting to be out following surgery to repair a tear in his left knee.

The Phillies are among many teams that won’t get sentimental about his departure. In his career against the Phillies, Jones is hitting .332 with 46 home runs, 144 RBIs and a 1.042 OPS. He turns 40 on April 24 and still is a feared hitter if he can stay healthy.

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Wellde, an Ellicott City, Md. native, is a kinesiology major. He's been playing golf since he was 11 years old and has earned two letters at JMU.

What's been your favorite course to play on? Packsaddle Ridge, land of the unknown.

As a whole, what is your outlook for the remainder of the

season? The potential is there, we got a month until CAA's to put it all together.

Who is your sports idol? Sean Taylor.

What are your thoughts on Tiger Woods? Just won again so he must have a new lady around ...

What is your favorite caffeinated drink? Cherry Coke.

What is your favorite sport to watch other than golf? Football. Hail to the Redskins.

If you could meet one person, who would it be and why? Muhammed Ali was one the greatest athletes of all time and very inspirational.

Who do you listen to the most on your iPod? FLOCKA.

10 teams to watch for next March

Chicago Tribune

Kentucky just cut down the nets, but it's time to turn the page. Here's an early look (with this season's final records in parentheses):

1. Louisville (30-10): Peyton Siva should be the Big East's top player next season and the Cardinals bring back everyone but Kyle Kuric and Chris Smith from this season's Final Four. Having Wayne Blackshear for a full season is a major benefit.

2. Indiana (27-9): The Hoosiers bring back every top scorer — as long as Christian Watford and Cody Zeller decide to play in Bloomington another season. The Hoosiers could be aiming at a national title.

3. Duke (27-7): Losing Austin Rivers to the NBA hurts, but the Blue Devils return Seth Curry, Andre Dawkins and Ryan Kelly.

4. Georgetown (24-9): Jason Clark and Henry Sims are gone, but the rest of the Hoyas return. Forwards Hollis Thompson and Otto Porter should emerge in their roles.

5. Michigan State (29-8): Perhaps no loss in college basketball hurts more than the Spartans' loss of Draymond Green. The Spartans still have coach Tom Izzo, Branden Dawson and a top-10 recruiting class.

6. Kansas (32-7): The runner-up Jayhawks taught everyone not to overlook them. Tyshawn Taylor is gone and if Thomas Robinson leaves, 7-foot center Jeff Withey takes a spotlight role.

7. Kentucky (38-2): The Wildcats will reload from its championship roster with Ryan Harrow, Archie Goodwin and Alex Poythress, and they could add either or both top recruits Nerlens Noel or Shabazz Muhammad.

8. North Carolina State (24-13): The Wolfpack were quite the surprise and could be a bigger surprise if players stay put. A top-flight recruiting class will bolster coach Mark Gottfried's outlook.

9. Wisconsin (26-10): A strong roster of Jared Berggren, Mike Bruesewitz, Ryan Evans and Ben Brust return, but the Badgers will need to find a replacement at point guard for Jordan Taylor.

10. Michigan (24-10): As long as point guard Trey Burke returns, the Wolverines are in good shape. Their chances for a Big Ten title increase with the addition of top-100 class Mitch McGary, Glenn Robinson Jr. and Nik Stauskas.

Under consideration: Arizona, Baylor, Ohio State, San Diego State, UNLV, UCLA.

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Punishment not enough

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himself and was able to witness the incident firsthand. But how much of a punishment is that really? When you're a starting pitcher, you don't play in every game. A five-game suspension really only prevents you from starting in one or two games — not much of a penalty when you consider the potential implications of Jimenez' actions. I wouldn't mind at all if Selig made an example out of him and suspended him for something like 15 or 20 games. Hitting people to settle a score? That's just wrong. Even a six-year-old knows that.

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